

## Claim Amendments

Claim 11 (currently amended): A bookstand for holding hard back books in an angled position for the purpose of study, the bookstand comprising:

a cylindrical tube having opposite first and second openings;

a rod having first and second ends whereby said rod is inserted through the cylindrical tube, ~~whereby~~ said rod forms an [[C]]U-shape side support arms that extends out of the ends of said cylindrical tube equal distance and ~~whereby~~ said rod first and second ends form a curved shape to hold the back binding of a book in an open position, whereby said back binding of a book is supported against the said [[C]]U-shape support arms and said cylindrical tube;

a straight rod permanently attached at equal distance from said cylindrical tube ends forming a T-shaped whereby said straight rod forms a rear support arm for said bookstand in the open position for study [[.]] ,wherein one opening end of the cylindrical tube has an amount of material removed in the form of a U-shape along the length of the cylindrical tube defining a hollow locking mechanism whereby one of the two rod side support arms bears against in said U-shape hollow locking mechanism allowing a limited 80- degree rotation of said T-shape from the said side support arms.

**Claims 12-14 (canceled)**